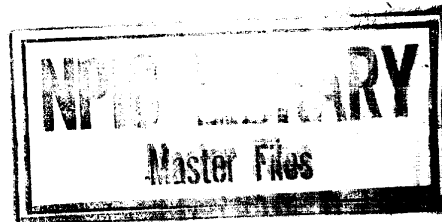


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1. Recent aerial reconnaissance in Southern Laos has uncovered intensive construction efforts in extending Route 92 and increasing the capacity of the Se Kong as an inland waterway south of this route. Photo analysis of river traffic on the Se Kong indicates a possible transfer point to overland transportation in the vicinity of UTM coordinates XC 9412. This project is an attempt to determine the trafficability and extent of trails eastward of this transportation route, which could be utilized for the logistical support of Viet Cong forces in South Vietnam.

2. The entire area from the South Vietnamese border through Chavane to the Se Kong, immediately south of the alleged river-trail transfer point, has been covered on low-level photography of [REDACTED] This reconnaissance mission confirmed, for the most part, the east-west trail network indicated on AMS map sheet ND 48-4, Series L509, 2nd edition. The trails observed in the Chavane area were well established and could probably support light vehicular traffic. However, there was no evidence to indicate that any sustained vehicular traffic had used any of the trails. Furthermore, the eastern terminus of the trail net deteriorates to intermittent tracks of questionable suitability for wheeled vehicles.

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